

House File 196 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to abuse of a human corpse and providing
2 penalties.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1174HH 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 709.18, Code 2007, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 709.18 ABUSE OF A CORPSE.
1 4 1. A person commits abuse of a human corpse if the person
1 5 knowingly and intentionally engages in a sex act, as defined
1 6 in section 702.17, with a human corpse. ~~Abuse of a human~~
~~1 7 corpse is a class "D" felony.~~

~~1 8 2. A person commits abuse of a human corpse if the person~~
~~1 9 mutilates, disfigures, or dismembers a human corpse with the~~
~~1 10 intent to conceal a crime.~~

~~1 11 3. A person commits abuse of a human corpse if the person~~
~~1 12 hides or buries a human corpse with the intent to conceal a~~
~~1 13 crime.~~

~~1 14 4. A person who violates this section commits a class "D"~~
~~1 15 felony.~~

1 16 EXPLANATION

1 17 This bill relates to abuse of a human corpse.

1 18 The bill provides that a person shall not mutilate,
1 19 disfigure, dismember, hide, or bury a human corpse with the
1 20 intent to conceal a crime. A person who violates the bill
1 21 commits a class "D" felony.

1 22 Current law only prohibits a person from knowingly engaging
1 23 in a sex act with a human corpse.

1 24 A class "D" felony is punishable by confinement for no more
1 25 than five years and a fine of at least \$750, but not more than
1 26 \$7,500.

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